

Re: We have a problem

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**From:** "Michael Hunt" <Michael.Hunt@lacity.org>

**Date:** 02/23/2010 01:36 PM

**To:** <jruhlen916@aol.com>

**CC:** <duckworth.donald@gmail.com>, "Ken Husting" <Ken.Husting@lacity.org>, "Vahik Vartanians" <Vahik.Vartanians@lacity.org>

John,

This is a DWP issue (see attached email). It should explain everything to/for you. I am not sure who at DWP you would express your concerns to, but maybe Vahik knows.

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[ | <[jruhlen916@aol.com](mailto:jruhlen916@aol.com)> 2/23/2010 12:12 PM >>> ] | ]

Hi,

You thought you were through with me, didn't you! Well not yet.

Someone has come back to play with the man hole covers in the north lane at the south end of the Sepulveda Blvd. project. The man hole covers are about two inches below the surface of the street. I have had a number of people coming to me to complain that the wheel alignment of their cars are out of whack because of hitting these depressions. You don't see them when driving .

Who is in charge of this and when will they be fixed? The workers have piled some black top on one of the street wells near one of the covers and this has existed for over a week.

Let me know.

Thanks.

John

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~~—Re: Fwd: Asphalt repair....eml—~~

**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Asphalt repair...

**From:** "Vahik Vartanians" <Vahik.Vartanians@lacity.org>

**Date:** 02/19/2010 09:35 AM

**To:** "Jim Kennedy" <Jim.Kennedy@lacity.org>

Re: We have a problem

**CC:** "Ken Husting" <Ken.Husting@lacity.org>, "Mark Grant" <mark.grant@lacity.org>, "Michael Hunt" <Michael.Hunt@lacity.org>

Good Morning Jim,

I have the following report from the project inspector:  
It is typical procedure to pave over vaults and maintenance holes and then raise them to the new finished surface elevation, this allows for proper compaction of the asphalt around these utilities.

DWP superintendent (Cruz Padilla) was notified in September 2009 of upcoming paving operations so he could schedule this work upon completion of the paving. On November 3rd, 2009 Mr. Padilla was notified that all paving had been completed and the power vaults could now be raised. He said this work could not be scheduled until January 2010. DWP was on-site locating and exposing the vault lids at the end of January / early February.

Thanks,

vahik

| | ( Vahik Vartanians 2/18/2010 12:43 PM >>> | | )

Hello Jim,

The utility companies, including DWP, are to raise their manholes to new grade before our contractor paves so we do not have this problem. Another thing is that DWP may be coming back to raise the manhole and repair??

Our contractor would be responsible if they were at fault. I do not know if they were. I'll ask our construction manager and / or our inspector to investigate and I'll get back to you.

Thanks,

vahik

| | ( Jim Kennedy <jim.kennedy@lacity.org> 2/18/2010 12:10 PM >>> | | )

Hello Ken, Vahik, and Michael,

Is our Sepulveda Bld Improvement Project still under warranty? See below for problem with paving over manholes and the repairs needed now. Let me know what should be done.

Best,  
Jim

cell:213-280-5622

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From: Miki Payne <Miki@hbdrollinger.com>

Date: Thu, Feb 18, 2010 at 11:52 AM

Subject: Asphalt repair...

To: Jim Kennedy <jim.kennedy@lacity.org>, Donald Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com>

Re: We have a problem

I'm sure you both heard that we had a power failure in our building and when the DWP came out to fix the problem they discovered that the manhole on Sepulveda had been paved over. They then had to cut away the asphalt, which they piled up and left on the sidewalk..and left an unfinished hole in the street (the one I saw is in front of Bar Melody)...but I hear reports there are others. I had asked to get the asphalt disposed of (thank you DWP) but the street repair...I'm sure must be in the hands of the City.

Please let me know if you can help me.

Miki

—Attachments:—

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